Canberra City
v
South Melbourne

BRUCE STADIUM, SUNDAY, 2 MARCH 1980

12.45 p.m. CANBERRA CITY WALLABIES v KAMBAH UNITED.

(Half time: 1.30 p.m., resumption: 1.45 p.m., fulltime 2.30 p.m.)

3 p.m. CANBERRA CITY v SOUTH MELBOURNE

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A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO SOUTH MELBOURNE for what is a visit in return for a friendly game that was played in Melbourne at the start of the soccer season in 1979. Coach John Margaritis has a squad that bursts with talent. He and South Melbourne's supporters must have been surprised at the losses which his side has suffered in recent weeks, the most notable being in the Ampol Cup competition in Victoria. But South Melbourne's vanquisher, State League side, Essendon Croatia, went on to defeat Heidelberg United in the final. We look forward to an exciting clash today and wish our visitors well.

For Canberra City and soccer supporters generally, today is one of great importance. All being well, Canberra City's new strikers, WALTER VALERI and SEBASTIAN GIAMPAOLO, will be making their first appearance in the blue and gold strip. We extend our best wishes to them. We know that they will perform creditably. But we sympathise with the fact that for so long Vic Fernandez and the boys have been denied the opportunity to train and work into the team pattern. Vic certainly has the task in front of him in the next few weeks, but the relief that finally he can concentrate his full attention to working his squad must be enormous.

The full story of the transfer problems with Walter and Sebastian has yet to be written. More important that any acrimonious debate and angry finger pointing is an updating of the system that can threaten to deny to players their right to a professional career. The battle is over - now let the real fight begin.

BERNIE HARRIS

CANBERRA CITY
COLOURS: BLUE AND GOLD

1. STEVE HOSZOWSKI
2. DANNY MOULIS
3. MIKE MILOVANOVIC
4. ROBERT O'SHEA
5. HARRY WILLIAMS
6. TERRY BYRNE
7. DONALD MacLAREN
8. JOHN O'SHEA
9. SEBASTIAN GIAMPAOLO
10. WALTER VALERI
11. TONY BRENNAN
12. KENI KAWALEVA
13. MICHAEL O'SHEA
14. ISAAC FARRELL
16. JOHN BROWN
17. PHIL REIS
18. DUNCAN COLE
19. BERNARD LUSTICA
20. RICHARD WILSON
21. LUIS SALGADO
22. ALAN REIS

COACH: VICTOR FERNANDEZ

SOUTH MELBOURNE
COLOURS: BLUE AND WHITE

1. PETER LAUMETS
2. LEO TSIGARAS
3. VINCE BANNON
4. A. XANTHOPOULOS
5. CHRIS KALIFATIDIS
6. SAMMY WRIGHT
7. BILLY ROGERS
8. FRANK MUNRO
9. ALUN EVANS
10. GEORGE CAMPBELL
11. BRANKO BULJEVIC
12. S. KAICANTONIS
13. MENDO RISTOVSKI
14. DUNCAN CUMMINGS
15. BERTIE LUTTON
16. M. WATSON

COACH: JOHN MARGARITIS

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THE PSL SEASON OPENS NEXT SUNDAY, 9 MARCH 1980. CANBERRA CITY WILL BE AT HOME, AT BRUCE STADIUM, TO BRISBANE LIONS. THE GAME COMMENCES AT 4.30 p.m. AND WILL BE PRECEDED BY A DAY OF TOP ATHLETICS. DON'T MISS THE EXCITEMENT OF THE FIRST BIG CLASH OF THE PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE, NEXT SUNDAY, AT 4.30.

CITY'S GREAT IN DECADE 8!

THE WOWDIES...THERE ARE STILL VACANCIES IN THE WOWDIES SQUAD FOR THIS SEASON. GIRLS FROM 14 TO 18 YEARS OF AGE ARE ELIGIBLE AND NEW OUTFITS WILL BE PROVIDED. FULL DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE SUPPORTERS STALL. LISTEN FOR RON WILSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE COURSE OF THE AFTERNOON.

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MATCH DAY PROGRAM: Advertising in the match day program is still available. Contact Bernie Harris on 726101 (office) or 861146 (home) for full details.

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COOLEMAN COURT SECOND BIRTHDAY: Cooleman Court is celebrating its second birthday next week and Canberra City is playing a big part in the festivities. Next Thursday and Friday afternoons there will be ball skill competitions open to boys and girls, from 7 to 14 years of age, between 3.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. The final will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday. The prizes for the winners - there will be more than one - will be free coaching by Vic Fernandez during his May vacation training courses. All competitors will receive a gift. On Friday night also, the CANBERRA CITY WOWDIES AND THE PSL SQUAD WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE. COME AND MEET THE NEW PLAYERS: RENEW FRIENDSHIPS WITH THE OLD TIMERS FROM LAST YEAR. Let's show Cooleman Court that CITY'S GREAT IN DECADE 8.

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THE SUPPORTERS CLUB will be running a preseason dance next Saturday at the Club, East Row, Civic. Admission is $5 for adults and $2.50 for the kids. Disco music will be the order of the night and a smorgasbord will be provided by Chef Frances.

THE BOAT RAFFLE will be drawn at half time during the match against Brisbane Lions on 9 March. Get your tickets now. Unsold books should be returned to the Club as soon as possible.

GENTLEMEN'S EVENING: A touch of refinement and class, but for men only, on FRIDAY, 28 MARCH, at the Yarralumla Woolshed. Watch next week's program for the price and details about what might - might!! - be on or off.

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